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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FUJIWARA ET AL.

Examiner

Hau H Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kozaki.

Referring to claim 1-3 and 8, Kozaki discloses an image display device 6 comprising a transmission type liquid crystal panel 1 for displaying an image, a liquid crystal shutter 4 acting to transmit or shut external light as shown in Fig. 1, and a control circuit driving the liquid crystal panel 1 and the liquid crystal shutter 4 (see Fig. 2 and column 3, lines 15-21). During display operation, in which an image is being displayed on the liquid-crystal screen, the liquid crystal shutter 4 operates to shut incident light L so that the light L is not transmitted (see column 3, lines 36-39). During not-display operation in which no image is displayed on the liquid

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crystal screen, the liquid-crystal shutter 4 operates to allow the incident external light L to be transmitted (see column 3, lines 49-51).

In regard to claim 4, Kozaki teach the liquid crystal display may not use back light for light source, or external light is used for back light (see column 4, lines 8-11), therefore the liquid crystal image display device can be of reflection type liquid crystal.

Referring to claim 5, Kozaki teaches the liquid crystal shutter may have such a structure that the shutter portion is divided into a plurality of divisional portions so that light can be transmitted selectively partly through any of the divisional portions (see column 3, lines 3-6). Therefore, the liquid crystal shutter 4 can be arranged into portions in which light transmitted portions and light shut portions are disposed alternately, and can be fabricated in an endless belt shape.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kozaki.

Since liquid crystal projection device is well known in the art, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add an optical system to the liquid crystal image display device taught by Kozaki in order to magnify and projecting light.

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5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kozaki in view of Takahashi et al.

Kozaki teaches all the limitations of claim 7, as applied to claim 1 above, except for the image display device carries out image display in synchronization with a vertical sync signal having constant cycle and the shield member is driven in synchronization with vertical sync signal. However, Takahashi et al. teach a control circuit 9 in the converting unit 5 is supplied with a vertical synchronous signal V-SYNC from the image pick-up 4 and the vertical sync has a constant cycle as shown in Fig. 7 and 8. Therefore it would have been obvious to add the control circuit taught by Takahashi et al. into the driving circuit taught by Kozaki in order for the circuit to be able to write image to the memory device (column 6, lines 8-10) or to obtain a static color picture (column 6, lines 29-31).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 form.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau H. Nguyen whose telephone number is: 703-305-4104. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on 703-305-4709.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose
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